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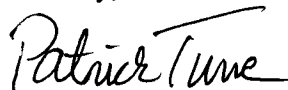
Re: Petition of Global Connection of South Carolina, Inc. for the
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
Docket No.: 2007-172-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are an original and one (1) copy of AT&T's Petition to Intervene Out of Time in the above-referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record with a copy of this response as indicated on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick W. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosure
cc: All Parties of Record
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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2007-172-C

IN RE:)	
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Petition of Global Connections of South)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
Carolina, Inc. for Designation as)	OUT OF TIME
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)	
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Pursuant to S. C. Code Regs. 103-825, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T South Carolina") respectfully requests the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") for permission to intervene out of time as a party of record in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this request, AT&T South Carolina respectfully submits that:

1. AT&T South Carolina is a telephone utility presently providing telecommunications services to its subscribers pursuant to intrastate tariffs approved by the Commission.

2. The authorized representative for AT&T South Carolina in this proceeding is:

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3. AT&T South Carolina has an interest in this proceeding because Global Connections of South Carolina, Inc.'s ("Global Connections") request for ETC designation is, on its face, deficient and inconsistent with the Commission's decisions in the rulemaking proceedings addressing various matters related to eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") designations. For example, although Global Connections' Petition states that Exhibit E is a list of exchanges for which it seeks ETC designation from the Commission, *see* Petition at ¶12, that exhibit appears to be a list of exchanges in the States of Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia. Additionally, although the Commission has decided that it will "consider the FCC's guidelines regarding designation of new ETC's," *see* Commission Directive in Docket No. 2006-37-C (May 30, 2007), Global Connections' Petition provides little or no information that would assist the Commission in considering those FCC guidelines.

4. As a result of the recent merger of AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation, deciding whether to intervene in this docket required coordination and discussion within the newly merged company. AT&T South Carolina did not reach a decision prior to the June 8, 2007 deadline established by the Commission.

5. The current schedule in this docket requires all parties to prefile direct testimony on June 29, 2007, and to prefile responsive testimony on July 18, 2007. AT&T South Carolina respectfully submits that granting its Petition out of time will not delay this proceeding or prejudice any party to this proceeding. AT&T South Carolina, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition and allow it to intervene as a party of record.

6. AT&T reserves its right to testify and present evidence at any hearing in this proceeding. At this time, AT&T does not know how much time would be required for such presentation.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, AT&T South Carolina requests the following relief:

1. that it be allowed to intervene as a formal party of record in this proceeding by this Commission's granting this Petition to Intervene;
2. that any parties of record be directed to provide AT&T South Carolina with a copy of any pleadings, testimony and exhibits or any other filings made in this proceeding; and
3. that the Commission grant such other relief as it deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted on this 14th day of June, 2007.



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND) CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Jeanette B. Mattison, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for AT&T South Carolina (“AT&T”) and that she has caused AT&T’s Petition to Intervene Out of Time in Docket No. 2007-172-C to be served upon the following this June 14, 2007:

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